

## § 21.7103

this section following the veteran's request for counseling, the veteran's initial application for benefits or any communication from the veteran or guardian indicating that the veteran wishes to change his or her program. VA shall take appropriate steps (including individual notification where feasible) to acquaint all participants with the availability and advantages of counseling services.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3034, 3463; Pub. L. 98-525, Pub. L. 99-576)

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### § 21.7103 Travel expenses.

(a) *Travel for veterans and servicemembers.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, VA shall determine and pay the necessary cost of travel to and from the place of counseling for individuals who are required to receive counseling if—

(i) VA determines that the individual is unable to defray the cost based upon his or her annual declaration and certification; or

(ii) The individual has a compensable service-connected disability.

(2) VA shall not pay for the travel expenses for a veteran who is not residing in a State.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 111)

(b) *Travel for attendants.* (1) VA will authorize payment of travel expenses for an attendant while the individual is traveling when—

(i) The individual, because of a severe disability requires the services of an attendant when traveling, and

(ii) VA is paying the necessary cost of the individual's travel on the basis of the criteria stated in paragraph (a) of this section.

(2) VA will not pay the attendant a fee for travel expenses if he or she is a relative as defined in § 21.374 of this part.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 111)

(c) *Payment of travel expenses prohibited for most veterans.* VA shall not pay for any costs of travel to and from the place of counseling for anyone who re-

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quests counseling under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 30.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 111)

CROSS REFERENCE: 21.374, Authorization for travel of attendants.

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### PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION

#### § 21.7110 Selection of a program of education.

(a) *General requirement.* In order to receive educational assistance an individual must either be pursuing an approved program of education or be pursuing refresher or deficiency courses, or other preparatory or special education or training courses necessary to enable the individual to pursue an approved program of education.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3014, 3023; 3034; Pub. L. 98-525, Pub. L. 100-689 (Aug. 15, 1989))

(b) *Approval of a program of education.* VA will approve a program of education under 38 U.S.C. chapter 30 selected by an eligible veteran or servicemember if—

(1) It meets the definition of a program of education found in § 21.7020(b)(23) of this part,

(2) It has an objective as described in § 21.7020(b)(13) or (22) of this part,

(3) The courses and subjects in the program are approved for VA training, and

(4) The veteran or servicemember is not already qualified for the objective of the program.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 3002(3), 3034, 3471; Pub. L. 98-525)

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#### § 21.7112 Programs of education combining two or more types of courses.

(a) *Concurrent enrollment.* (1) When a veteran or servicemember cannot successfully schedule his or her complete program at one educational institution, VA may approve a program of concurrent enrollment. When requesting such a program, the veteran or servicemember must show that his or her complete program of education is